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Open Space Funds, Middle School And Legislation Occupy Council

by Thomas X. White

The only regular Greenbelt City Council meeting scheduled for November was held on Monday, November 24. It was a light one with only four business items on the agenda, four presentations and no petitions and requests. Councilmember Konrad Herling was unable to attend.

The four business items included a staff recommendation for council action to preserve the city's allocated share of State Program Open Space funding by reallocating funds for future land acquisitions to immediate park development projects, consideration of a draft staff-proposed state and county legislative program and recommendations by the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) report relating to Greenbelt Middle School construction. (Discussion of the first season of the Farmers Market appears below.)

Program Open Space

Program Open Space (POS) turned out to be the only controversial topic of the evening. City staff provided an update on the city's allocated POS funds and a brief report noting that due to financial challenges facing the state, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has advised counties and local jurisdictions to encumber (i.e. program for

use) all of their allocated POS funds by the end of this year so that unencumbered funds are not indiscriminately "swept away" for another use.

Staff noted to council that the city's POS monies are considered encumbered once a project application is submitted to the DNR POS staff and approved by the State Board of Public Works. The city's current POS account has \$411,157 in unencumbered development funds (generally to be used for parks and recreation equipment or structures) and \$868,235 in unencumbered land acquisition funds for a total of \$1,309,392 in unencumbered POS funds.

These unencumbered funds, according to the staff report, could be threatened or otherwise lost if the state sought to use them as a partial cushion for their overall budget shortfalls due to the national fiscal crisis.

Staff has also learned from Prince George's County officials that, because the county has not met its own open space (acquisition) goals, it is required to use 50 percent of its POS allocation on acquisition projects, a requirement that also applies to local jurisdictions within the county. However, officials have indicated that the county is will-

ing to allow the city as well as other jurisdictions to use all its encumbered fund balance on development projects, providing an opportunity for the city to protect its POS funds. The staff, therefore, has recommended that the city amend its Fiscal Year 2009 Annual POS Program to include only a total of five development projects in order to encumber the funds within the required time. Although this move would be a radical change from possible uses of the city's accumulated POS balances for strategic acquisitions of additional open space within or adjacent to the city, the staff argues that the POS program could be revised at any time.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts argued strongly against the staff recommendation. Roberts has been an ardent supporter of the city strategy to accumulate POS funds for possible open space acquisition and he consistently and strenuously has argued against the use of POS funds for other than land acquisition. He continued that position by voting against a motion made by Councilmember Leta Mach to approve the staff recommendation. The motion carried by a three to one

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Greenbelt Farmers Market Discussed with Council

by Thomas X. White

Kim Kash, Kimberly Rush Lynch and Dorrie Bates discussed with council on Monday, November 8 the inaugural season of the Greenbelt Farmers Market and plans for next year. They reported that the number of weekly customers for the market was about 850.

The choice of the Sunday mid-day time for operating turned out to be good for the vendors and did not present parking issues for the site in the upper municipal parking lot.

Organizers of the market were pleased with the first year and noted that participating vendors were pleased with the Greenbelt community response to the market.

It was also noted that, instead of a possible negative impact on the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative food store, the Co-op actually experienced a 6 percent increase in sales on Sundays this summer. In addition, the Co-op was able to build new vendor relationships and institute cooking demos at the store focusing on products available at the market.

The Farmers Market organizers have developed a nearly

850-person mailing list from the first season and, using an on-line survey, a method to assess the first-year operations and to obtain suggestions and ideas for approaching the second year of operations next spring.

The group is considering an earlier start in 2009, hoping to open the first weekend in May and continuing through the end of October. They informed council of some issues they are considering and may bring to council to discuss at another time.

One item was possibly providing more shade for the market's customers. Several options were mentioned and it was agreed that more thought has to go into a solution. Another item was possibly needing more space for additional vendors. One suggestion was to utilize the space immediately adjacent to the hillside between the upper lot and the small Community Center lot, which might also provide some needed shade.

More permanent signage for the market in areas of the city was also raised. Although

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Tree Lighting Friday

The Festival of Lights will open with the annual tree lighting on Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m. on the Community Center lawn. A seasonal celebration with activities for all ages, the Festival of Lights runs throughout the month of December.

Come enjoy music, hot chocolate, other refreshments and festive fun.

Weekend Events

The Wright Stuff 5K run/walk event will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, December 6 – register at the Youth Center from 7 to 7:45 a.m. Also on Saturday, a pancake and sausage breakfast will be held from 8 until 11 a.m. with Santa in attendance at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. This event is hosted by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Legion.

The annual Juried Art and Craft Fair will be held in the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. This event includes the sale of many craft items made by Greenbelters.

On Sunday, December 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. the December Artful Afternoon in the Community Center will include Brazilian floating candles. Artists-in-residence host Studio Open House in the afternoon and Alexandria Kleztet will perform in the multi-purpose room at 2 p.m.

American Education Week November 16 to 22, 2008

In a celebration of American education these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that service the Greenbelt community. Last week, teachers from Magnolia Elementary and Greenbelt Elementary Schools were featured in these columns.

This week, readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Middle and Turning Point Academy. In the coming weeks we plan to have stories from Springhill Lake Elementary, St. Hugh's and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools.

This series was developed and coordinated by David Lange.

Teacher from Philippines Enjoys Her Work at GMS

by David M. Johnson

If there is anyone who has perspective on teaching in different environments, it is 7th grade special education social studies teacher Marne Perez. Originally from the Philippines, this Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) teacher is in her first semester teaching and living in the United States.

She was a little scared on the first day of class, she said,



Marne Perez

because of the language barrier but she is grateful that her team of fellow teachers and her mentor have been available to help each other out. According to Perez, she eventually discovered she had little trouble communicating with stu-

dents. It was also encouraging for her to find out that children

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Pamela Coffield Has Always Wanted to Teach Children

by Megan Gustafson

First grade teacher Pamela Coffield, who got her education degree from the University of the District of Columbia, easily takes charge of her busy classroom while her young students hustle and bustle about as the day begins.

With 18 years of experience in elementary education, Coffield said she wanted to be a teacher from the time she was a little girl. In fact,



Pamela Coffield

she used to force her younger brother to play school with her, she said.

"We're a family here," Coffield said of Turning Point Academy, where the focus, she said, is on character education.

Coffield is "probably the most tenured teacher on staff," at the school, and leads the first grade

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What Goes On

Friday, December 5

7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting, Community Center Front Lawn

Saturday, December 6

8 to 11 a.m., Pancake Breakfast with Santa, American Legion Post #136

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center Gym

Sunday, December 7

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

7 p.m., Greenbelt East Tree Lighting, Greenbriar Community Building

Monday, December 8

8 p.m., Greenbelt City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Comcast 71 and Verizon 21)

Wednesday, December 10

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Empirian Village, Springhill Lake Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Not All Advice Is Good Advice

In the News Review November 27, 2008 issue (page 11), the article “Another Way to Save on Electric Bills” (no byline) is very misleading to your readership about power factor products to save on electric bills.

On the government’s Energy Star website <http://energystar.custhelp.com>, here is what it says about power factor correction products:

“We have not seen any data that proves these types of products for residential use accomplish what they claim. Power factor correction devices improve power quality but do not generally improve energy efficiency (meaning they won’t reduce your energy bill). There are several reasons why their energy efficiency claims could be exaggerated. First, residential customers are not charged for KVA-hour usage but by kilowatt-hour usage. This means that any savings in energy demand will not directly result in lowering a residential user’s utility bill. Second, the only potential for real power savings would occur if the product were only put in the circuit while a reactive load (such as a motor) were running and taken out of the circuit when the motor is not running. This is impractical, given that there are several motors in a typical home that can come on at any time (refrigerator, air conditioner, HVAC blower, vacuum cleaner, etc.) but the unit itself is intended for permanent, unattended connection near the house breaker panel.”

My work as a professional energy consultant corroborates this DOE statement. To reduce energy usage and save dollars, I performed hundreds of energy audits and analyses of energy usage in residential homes, apartment

complexes, schools, hospitals and in light and heavy duty manufacturing plants. On only two occasions were the installation of power factor correction capacitors cost justified. In both cases these facilities used many high horsepower motors (>75 HP) in their manufacturing processes and were billed according to the factory’s power factor.

In GHI homes electrical usage is primarily for non-reactive loads such as hot water heaters, space and baseboard heaters, lighting and electric ranges. These types of resistive heaters do not affect the electrical power factor. Additionally, residential customers are not charged by power factor but entirely on the number of kilowatt-hours used.

If readers want to reduce their energy bill here are some actions they can take. Start by reducing cold air infiltration into the house by caulking and weatherstripping all windows, doors, electrical outlets and around piping and wiring coming into the house; seal through-the-wall air conditioners with indoor or outdoor covers; seal and insulate attic door openings; install timers or programmable thermostats to reduce house temperatures according to occupancy schedules; set domestic hot water temperature to 120° F or less; install a controller (timer) for the water heater that shuts off the unit when there is no demand for hot water; install a low flow shower head (2 gallons per minute or less); install Energy Star CFL’s lighting; and install motion detectors to activate outside lighting. Depending on the house and prior energy saving actions, these recommendations should reduce electrical usage by 25 to 30 percent.

Chris Logan

Senator Pinsky Holds Town Hall Meeting

Maryland State Senator Paul G. Pinsky (22nd Legislative District) will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Lamont Elementary School, 7101 Good Luck Road, New Carrollton in the Multipurpose Room. Pinsky will share information about the Purple Line and how it will affect the community, provide information on the foreclosure crisis and address the upcoming legislative session and state budget. Time will also be set aside to hear from constituents. For more information or to RSVP call 410-841-3155 or email ppinsky@senatorpinsky.org.

All About SAT/PSAT Presentation Tuesday

On Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m., the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA and Educational Advisory Committee are sponsoring an educational presentation for county students in grades 7 to 11 and their parents, “All You Ever Wanted to Know About the PSAT & SAT (and Why You Should Know About These Tests).”

The presentation will cover who runs the tests, what they are and what they test; where to find information about the tests; why the tests are important even if they are not predictors of future success at anything; what doors they open and their relationship to college funding (with examples of how much money various universities can offer); how often they can or should be taken and how scores can be combined or withheld; when the tests are held (including which ones the public school system will pay for) or when the best times are to take them; and why it’s never too early to start preparing for them. There will be sample test questions and other suggestions to illustrate what students can do to help themselves and what parents can do to help their children to ace these tests or at least to score as well as they possibly can. There will also be information about how many National Merit Semifinalists there are every year and the scores needed in Maryland and around the country to become a National Merit Semifinalist (including the states where it is easiest or hardest to become a National Merit Semifinalist).

The presentation will be held in the auditorium/multi-purpose room of the Berwyn Heights Elementary School, 6200 Pontiac Street in Berwyn Heights. (A Berwyn Heights Elementary School faculty member will offer Spanish interpretation.) Free parking is available.

Grin Belt

"You're lucky - I kept these two acorns away from the rats in the Center."

AGNES CONATY ©2008

On Screen

Wedding Is Occasion For Range of Emotion

“Rachel Getting Married” is the occasion for the prodigal daughter to return home. Kym (Anne Hathaway, last seen in Greenbelt in “Becoming Jane”) emerges from rehab to be the maid of honor at her sister’s wedding. The girls’ estranged mother, played by Debra Winger, and father only add to the turbulent family dynamic, amplifying the emotional highs and lows of the story.

Directed by Jonathan Demme (who won an Oscar for directing “Silence of the Lambs”), the film was nominated for the Golden Lion prize at this year’s Venice Film Festival. Rated R for sexuality and language; runtime is 113 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Correction

Time flies In last week’s edition it was reported that the 5K race scheduled on Saturday, December 6 celebrates the milestone of the 10th anniversary of the Wright Brothers’ First Flight. While the race may be in its 10th year, the correct date of this historic flight is December 17, 1903, 105 years ago. Red-faced, the News Review wants to assure a correct historical record on this point.

Kindergarten Info Night

Monday, Dec. 8 @ 7-9 pm

Theater Rehearsal Room, Greenbelt Community Center

Panel of area kindergarten representatives

Free and open to the public

For info, call GNS at 301-474-5570

COMMITTEE VACANCY

Would you like to serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee?

Following a recent resignation, the GHI Nominations & Elections Committee has a vacancy to fill. N&E is an elected committee, filling a vacancy by appointment. N&E’s primary responsibilities are to identify GHI members to be nominated as candidates for office in the cooperative and to plan and conduct fair and expeditious elections, including the annual election and any required referenda. In May 2009, offices on the ballot will include five two-year positions on the Board of Directors, three one-year positions on the Audit Committee, and five one-year N&E positions. If you are a member of the cooperative in good standing and would like to know more about serving on N&E, please call Marjorie Gray at 301-474-6224.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF Dec. 5

Rachel Getting Married (R)

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday
*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, GHI Board Room
Tuesday, December 9, 8:30 a.m. – Ad Hoc Yard Line Committee, GHI Library
7 p.m. – Sustainable Design and Practices Committee, GHI Board Room
7 p.m. – Marketing Committee, GHI Library
Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee, GHI Board Room
Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. – Nominations and Elections Committee, GHI Library
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library
Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
Tuesday, December 9, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.
Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
Thursday, December 11, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Senior Movie Is
“A Star Is Born”

The December senior monthly movie, “A Star Is Born,” will be shown on Tuesday, December 9 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Senior Lounge, 111.
The movie tells of an aging actor who helps a young actress to fame. She becomes his wife but alcoholism and failure are too much for him. She honors his memory. A remake of the 1937 classic, the movie was Garland’s triumph, with a superb, varied performance. The newly restored version reinstates more than 20 minutes of long-missing footage, including three Garland musical numbers. The songs are I’ll Get By, You Took Advantage of Me, Black Bottom, Peanut Vendor, My Melancholy Baby, Sewanee, It’s A New World, Gotta Have Me Go With You and Somewhere There’s Someone.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

Kindergarten Info
Night December 8

A Kindergarten Information Night will be hosted by the Greenbelt Nursery School on Monday, December 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 202. Representatives of seven schools will be present to explain their kindergarten programs and answer questions.

GIVES Holds
Holiday Party

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly meeting and Holiday Party on Saturday, December 6 at 10 a.m. in Room 109 of the Community Center. All members are invited to attend, as are guests who might be interested in becoming part of the organization. Those who wish are invited to bring snack food to share.

Community Events

Scouts Collect Hats,
Mittens for Poor Kids

Greenbelt Girl Scouts are collecting hats and mittens for needy children. Junior Troop 4816 is seeking donations of winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves to benefit local at-risk children.
Donations may be dropped off in the lobby of the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Donations will be accepted through December 19. (New items only.) The girl scouts will package this winter wear in hand-made stockings, with other goodies tucked inside, and deliver them to a youth outreach program in DC.

Co-op Offers Holiday
Eating Workshop

Ellen Siegel and Kimberly Rush will present their next workshop in the Shop Healthy Series at the Greenbelt Co-op on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m.
Find it difficult to eat well during the holidays? Does this season cause unnecessary stress? Holiday eating doesn’t have to be a struggle or full of guilt if people learn to listen to their cravings and other signals that their bodies are giving. Whole grains, sweet vegetables and healthier alternatives to sugar will be explored. A few mindful eating tips and how to incorporate self-care techniques that will help minimize stress and emotional eating that can occur during this busy time of year will be shared. So get ready to curb that sweet tooth and learn more healthful ways to bring the sweet flavor into a holiday menu.

Council to Meet
With Empirian

The City Council will meet with representatives of Empirian Village in a worksession at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Wednesday, December 10 at 8 p.m. On the agenda will be a discussion of Empirian’s future plans for investing in the apartment complex.

Pancake Breakfast
With Santa Claus

The Lions Club of Greenbelt will host a holiday pancake breakfast to support the various projects the club undertakes in the local community and across the state, such as glaucoma screening, lazy eye screening, eye glasses recycling, support of Lions Club Camp Merrick for handicapped children and the Wilmer Eye Clinic of the Johns Hopkins University Hospital. The pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road, from 8 to 11 a.m. There is a fee. Children 11 and under are free.

Senior Driver
Training Offered

From 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, December 11 and 12, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is sponsoring its next class of the AARP Drivers Safety Training Program. The class will be held in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center. There is a fee payable by cash or preferably by check made out to the AARP. This fee will be collected by the instructor at the beginning of the first day of class.
The AARP Drivers Safety Training Program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course designed specifically for drivers 55 or older. However, drivers under 55 may enroll in this class. Upon completion of this course a driver may qualify for a reduction or discount in his/her auto insurance premium.
Pre-registration is required. Call GIVES at 301-507-6580 to register. Registration is on a “first call, first registered” basis. Class size is limited to 25 students. Additional requesters will be put on a waiting list in the order their calls are taken. They will be given first opportunity to enroll in the next class or will be called in the order that their calls were received should any vacancy occur.
For more information call Dale Jacobson at 301-507-6580.



Climate Activism
Time Is Here

Come to the Greenbelt Climate Action Network meeting on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Find out how to help make global warming legislation a reality. In years past this would have seemed a distant hope but this year, with a new government in Washington and a very promising global warming bill in Annapolis, the dream could come true.
Keith Harrington, the Maryland field organizer for the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, will give an overview of the climate policy goals that green groups are advocating for locally and nationally. There will be an inspiring series of short videos on local climate activism and the group will hammer out a plan to influence a very powerful legislator – Congressman Steny Hoyer.
For more information email sr.kane@verizon.net.

American Legion
Upcoming Events

Join the American Legion Greenbelt Post 136 on Saturday, December 6 in the back bar for the Army-Navy football game and door prizes. Bring a dish to share.
On Sunday, December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, the American Legion Department of Maryland will conduct its Fall 2008 National Defense Field Forum starting at 5 p.m. at Greenbelt Post 136. All members and residents are welcome to attend. For seating call Kathie Linkenhoker at 301 345-0136, ext 3 or email katlink136@comcast.net.
On Friday, December 12, the Legion will hold its annual Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter/EMT Awards banquet starting at 6 p.m. Police officers, firefighters and EMTs from the Greenbelt Police Department, U.S. Park Police and Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad are eligible for the special recognition and awards. All members and residents are invited. It is requested that those attending call the Post at the phone number and email listed above. Following the awards banquet will be entertainment by Just Us Acoustic which is open to the public.

Astronomical Star
Parties this Weekend

On Saturday, December 6, Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 6 p.m. Members will hold a sidewalk astronomy party on Sunday, December 7 at 7 p.m. at Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled.
Visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml.

New Deal Café Music
Offering for this Week

On Friday, December 5 from 8 to 10 p.m., “99 Blues Berry Way” will play Russian-American rock with guest “never-Moon” at the New Deal Café. Saturday, December 6 from noon to 1 p.m., Steve Pollack will perform (donations are sought for Susan G Komen for the Cure) and from 8 to 10 p.m., Beth Rinaldo and Scott Holland play country music.
Sunday, December 7 Jim Stimson plays light lute music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed from 2 to 4 p.m. by singer-songwriter Nate Frey and then from 5 to 8 p.m., “Snakehead Run” plays infectious, driving, old-time acoustic blues.
Tuesday, December 9 from 7 to 9 p.m., April Stace will play the harp. On Wednesday, December 10 folk minstrel Steve Haugh will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 11 an open microphone session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.
For more information visit the website at www.newdealcafe.com or call 301-474-5642.



Computer Club’s
December Meeting


The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its December meeting on Thursday, December 11 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

KIVA

Music for the Spirit

Friday December 19th 8:00pm at the Greenbelt Arts Center. \$13 general admission For reservations call 301-441-8770

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club 2009 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



Greenbelt Youth Center • 99 Centerway
Tuesday, December 16
7 to 8:15 p.m.
**Additional dates to follow*
For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com

Beltway Plaza Mall

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Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month 10 – 2 p.m.
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Pancake Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 6, 2008
8:00 AM until 11:00 AM

- Adults \$7.00,
- Children 11 yrs or under - Free
- Children 12 or older - adult fare



Greenbelt American Legion Post
6900 Greenbelt Road
(Hosted by the Greenbelt Lions Club)

People of Many Faiths Join In Thanksgiving Service

by Rick Ransom

Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, leaders and followers from the Catholic Community, Lutheran Church, Baha'i Community, Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Methodist Church, Rumi Club (Muslim) and St. George's Episcopal Church joined with the Greenbelt Community Church to hold a joint service of celebration. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA), this annual service rotates to the different houses of worship each year.

This year's theme seemed to be "one God, many faiths" but then it's kind of the same theme every year. In fact Roya Bauman of the Baha'i Community sang a song with her husband about the concept of "One God" as her part of the program. Other spiritual leaders read from the Old Testament, the Koran and other sources. Rabbi Jonathan Cohen cited in his Thanksgiving message the concept that we should



start by being thankful just for each day and build our thankfulness from there.

The respect that these leaders hold for each other and for each faith was evident throughout with an occasional amen ringing out at the end of a reading or message. The congregation sang several songs to complement the messages, including "We Gather Together," "For the Beauty of the Earth," "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" and closing with "America the Beautiful." I think the real message was in the service itself. It was a great reminder that we have many more similarities than differences in religious practice as well in life. Some of us may be experiencing some difficulties with the economy and certainly things could get tougher. But it was nice to look around and know that there are so many others going through the same fears and problems with whom we share our daily lives right here in Greenbelt.

I have a magnet on my refrigerator that reads, "As long as we're together, the rest will fall in place." You could have read the magnet and saved an hour, I suppose, but then you would have missed some grand sentiments and a wonderful aura that enveloped this group and from which all who participated could take some solace in togetherness. That's worth the price of admission to me. Oh, that's right, there was no admission. There was a free-will offering collected at the back of the church designated for the Good Samaritan Fund (food and gasoline) and for the Emergency Relief Fund (rental assistance). That's the Greenbelt way and it's great!



Congratulations to
– Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate Festus Bewaji, now at Salisbury University majoring in laboratory science, who will perform in the University's Jazz Brazz Big Band concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the school's Holloway Hall.

– Proud parents Steven and Elena Gills and big sister Olivia on the birth of Emily Alexandra Gills on November 19, 2008.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Mowatt Pastor Offers Christmas Discussion

Join Pastor Fay Lundin and others on Mondays in Advent (December 8, 15 and 22) for a discussion on "What do you really want for Christmas?" This Advent study will take place at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road. A continental breakfast will be available. Come and make any wishes known.

For more information call 301-474-9410.

Church Offers Holy Land Experience

The College Park United Methodist Church presents "A Night in Bethlehem" on Friday, December 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. Come see this free hands-on Holy Land experience. Experience the various marketplaces, the Jewish home, have a picture taken and see the townspeople as they prepare their wares. Families can partake in the making of a variety of things.

For more information call 301-345-1010.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am **Worship Service 10:00am**
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
December 7, 10 a.m.
"Outward Darkness, Inward Hope"
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"Let's reflect on how we can claim the joy of the season with its message of peace and good will and its promise of light and hope."

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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223
An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.
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Sally Lent – Jim Keat

Sally Lent and Jim Keat were married on August 4, 2008, in Upper Marlboro. Jim, who moved to Greenbelt in 1989, and Sally now are living at Sally's home in Hyattsville. Sally was an early member of the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store. She is a retired Prince George's County school teacher and is a past president of the College Park chapter of American Association of University Women and Women's Action Coalition. Jim is a retired aerospace engineer. During his years in Greenbelt, he participated in many road races in Greenbelt and was seen frequently jogging around Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt Park. Jim and Sally both are longtime students and teachers at the University of Maryland Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), which is where they met.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

UM Offers Free Chamber Music

An Honors Chamber Music Concert will be given on Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m. This is a showcase for exceptional ensembles of the UM School of

Music's chamber music program, as selected by faculty. This free program will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Bahá'í Teachings: Who, and what, are the Manifestations of God?
The Manifestations of God are like perfect mirrors that reflect the light of God. All these mirrors reflect the same Light. While God is beyond our reach, these perfect beings come to us from time to time, live among us, give us guidance, and fill us with the energy we need to progress, materially and spiritually. They are known by such names as Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Zoroaster, Jesus Christ, Mohammad and Bahá'u'lláh.
Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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Sunday 8:15 am	Worship Service
9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service

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Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor
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Hope Fellowship
... living life together

Bible Study & Worship
9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
PLEASE COME AND WORSHIP WITH US
Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together

City Continues to Fight Roosevelt Center Rats

The City of Greenbelt continues to address the rodent problem in the Roosevelt Center area. Steps that have already been taken to date include vigorously trimming the plant material lower to reveal burrows, covering trash cans, increasing the number of traps and increasing the number of exterminator visits.

While all of these actions have had some impact on the current rodent population, there has only been a minimal decrease in their activities. As a result, it was decided to call in a new exterminator with a fresh view of the situation.

The new contractor has suggested a more aggressive control program and also a long-term control program for Roosevelt Center. This program includes increasing the number of bait stations and more frequent monitoring. Eight bait stations will be placed in the shrub area of the courtyard. These will be mounted on paving stones and locked. Additionally, they will be placed within the shrubs so it will be difficult for them to be seen by passersby.

Two more bait stations will be placed near the statue along the fence line. These will also be secured and locked. Six bait stations will be placed in the basement of the movie theater. The contractor will begin to service the existing bait stations. The buried one will be excavated and relocated. This company has been contracted by the city for initial and long-term control and will be advising staff on other aspects of keeping the Center free of pests.

It is important for residents to be aware of the following information from the Centers for Disease Control: "The best way to prevent a rodent infestation and contact with rodents is to remove the food sources, water and items that provide shelter for rodents."

Public Works can effectively mitigate some of the concerns but others must be addressed by business owners and operators as well as residents using the Center. The cooperation of all those concerned is vital in controlling this problem.

**GIVE BLOOD,
GIVE LIFE**
Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Smith Center Shows Student Dances

On Thursday, December 11 at 5 p.m. the UM Department of Dance will offer New Dances, an informal free concert of works and works-in-progress choreographed and performed by students, in the Dance Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.


Guarneri Quartet Holds Rehearsal

On Wednesday, December 10 at 5 p.m. the Guarneri String Quartet will hold a free open rehearsal. The quartet is in its 27th year in residence at the university. This event takes place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Radio Museum Open House

The Radio and TV Museum of Bowie, Maryland will host the 5th Annual Santa's Big Broadcast featuring Christmas programming from the Ghosts of Christmas Past. Among this year's features will be old favorites like Burns and Allen, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, along

with a host of others who made long-ago holidays merry. Santa's Big Broadcast runs from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 13. The museum is located at 2608 Mitchellville Road in Bowie. For more information call 301-390-1020.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting ~ Monday, December 8, 2008 ~ 8:00 p.m. ~ Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

University of Maryland School of Social Work and Nursing and Bowie State University School of Nursing – Springhill Lake Needs Assessment

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

- * - Work Session, November 17, 2008
- * - Regular Meeting, November 24, 2008
- Executive Session, December 1, 2008

*Committee Reports

Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2008-02 (Preparedness Day)

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #1-08 (Greenbelt Middle School Construction)

Advisory Planning Board, Report #08-02 (US 1/MD 201 Study)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

Advisory Planning Board Report – US 1/MD 201 Study

Appointment of Councilmembers to Boards and Committees

- * Resignation from Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 8-12


Monday, December 8th at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, at the Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71 & Verizon 21.

Wednesday, December 10th at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Empirian Village at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.


This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER


Greenbelt Pets of the Month



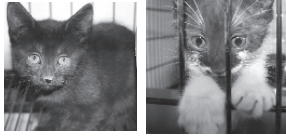
NADIA: A 1 1/2 year old female German Shepherd. Shy and curious. She is very loving and is looking for a home that will give her attention.



KIMMIE: A dark 1 1/2 year old female tabby. Loves to hang out with other cats. (Pictured on the left.)



IZZY: A 2 year old female tabby. Izzy is friendly to everyone! (Pictured on the right.)



BETTY and WILMA: two cute loving female kittens! (bottom right)

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday December 8 at 8pm: Regular City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday and Thursday, December 9 & 11: 6pm "Ask the Expert-Avoiding Fraud" 7pm "Avoiding the Holiday Blues" 7:30pm "The Art of Black WPA Print-makers" 8:30pm "Replay of City Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, December 10 & 12: 7pm: "Your Body, Your Business, Your Health Christmas Special" 8:00pm "Beltway Plaza Mall Halloween Costume Contest" 8:30pm Thomas Pullen's "Ebony Scrooge 2000"

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES


Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Forest Preserve Advisory Board,

Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee.

For more info call 301-474-8000.




2008 Gobble Wobble

In what is quickly becoming a Greenbelt tradition, the Greenbelt Recreation Department held the third annual Gobble Wobble on Thanksgiving morning. Despite the cold and damp weather, a record crowd was on hand for the event. A total of 91 individuals registered for this year's Gobble Wobble. Many runners were on hand either competing for a top 3 finish in their category or just seeking a good run before their Thanksgiving meal. This year was by far the most competitive racing year. Numerous walkers also participated in the event. Keeping with the goal of the Gobble Wobble, many families registered for the event. Once again, Sergeant Chuck Dyson from the Sergeant's Program led a warm-up activity for all participants prior to the race/walk. The 3.1 mile race and 1.5 mile family fun run/walk began with the firing of a starting gun and the now well-famous turkey mascot of the Gobble Wobble leading the way. The course began on the path beside Braden Field and took runners around Greenbelt Lake. All youth participants received a medal upon completion of the race/walk. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 male and female finishers. The top finishers are listed below.

1st Place Male: Dave Heitzelman (20:57)	1st Place Female: Rebecca Valdellon (24:34)
2nd Place Male: Lloyd Rawley	2nd Place Female: Monica Mische
3rd Place Male: Elliott Hamilton	3rd Place Female: Elizabeth Fairey

Thanks and congratulations to all that participated and completed the race/walk. The Greenbelt Recreation Department would also like to thank the sponsors of this year's Gobble Wobble: Sergeant Chuck Dyson and the Sergeant's Program, Greenbelt Cop, Greenbelt Curves, and Stitchin' It Embroidery.

Pictured from left to right: Lloyd Rawley, Monica Mische, Elizabeth Fairey, JD "Turkey" Flanagan, Dave Heitzelman, and Rebecca Valdellon.



American Education Week

November 16 to 22, 2008

Kindergarten Teacher Lucas

Makes His Classroom Fun

by Megan Gustafson

Having parents who took care of foster children and the birth of his own child were two factors that led Turning Point Academy kindergarten teacher Demetrius Lucas into education.

Children’s minds, he said, are like sponges and “if you give them good academics, my thought process is maybe they’ll have a good outlook toward education in the future.”

Lucas, who holds a master’s degree in education, is in his first year of teaching in Prince George’s County and taught previously in Southeast D.C. for six years, he said.

According to Turning Point Academy principal Dr. Ken-



Demetrius Lucas

neth Jones, Lucas’s kindergartners will have learned a lot by the time they leave his classroom. As a teacher, Lucas is “creative in trying to impart knowledge to youngsters,” he said. And, Lucas makes his classroom fun for the students: “If they [the children] do well, they get treats. He does a Thanksgiving dinner. When he had a birthday, he gave them [the children] a party,” Dr. Jones said.

Lucas said he likes to incorporate liberal arts as well as urban music in his teaching. “We play a lot of games, we do a lot of work,” he said of his classroom.

“I really enjoy teaching, [and] I hope to retire from this profession,” Lucas said.

New Middle School Teacher

Enjoys Life on the East Coast

by David M. Johnson

Even though 8th grade English teacher Kathryn Eissfeldt has only been living in Prince George’s County for a few months, she already feels at home here. “I’ve found Greenbelt to be a very welcoming place. I like the people and the location a lot,” said Eissfeldt about her new home and job. “Everyone has been so nice.”

Being a first-year special education teacher at Greenbelt Middle School has given her a renewed energy each day in the classroom after years of being a student herself. According to Eissfeldt, the opportunity to be helpful to children was one of the reasons she wanted to be a teacher. “There are not too many jobs where you get to be creative every day,” said Eissfeldt.

She believes middle school is an under-recognized time for children to reinforce the skills introduced in elementary school before confronting the stresses of high school and then college. According to her, the importance of middle school can sometimes get lost in the shuffle.

“At the age of middle school students, most people can look back and remember an awakening in their education,” said Eissfeldt. “If that is not accomplished, then by high school it may be too late to grasp the basic skills.”

Even in her short time teaching, Eissfeldt has already grown to appreciate the special relationship a teacher forms with her



Kathryn Eissenfeldt

students. “I love the way they pop in and say good morning,” said Eissfeldt.

One story Eissfeldt already has that she finds touching involves a student who always seemed to be hanging out in her classroom, even at times she was supposed to be somewhere else. When asked to explain herself the girl said, “I like it here because I’m learning things.”

One important aspect of the curriculum, according to Eissfeldt, is the 25 Book Campaign. Over the year each student will be encouraged not only to finish 25 books but also to be able to comprehend and answer questions about them. “I’m pleased to report most of the kids are on track so far and in general are pretty motivated to finish the 25 books,” said Eissfeldt.

Originally from Peoria, Illinois, Eissfeldt earned her undergraduate degree at Illinois Wesleyan. Her post-graduate studies included spells at Bradley University in her hometown and at Syracuse University.

“This is not a knock on the Midwest but I really enjoy living in a place where people come from so many different backgrounds,” said Eissfeldt about her move to the East Coast. Since moving to the area, Eissfeldt has also tried to take advantage of her access to the District of Columbia and has enjoyed visiting all the different museums.

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are alike no matter what country they are in.

“The kids are the same here as they are in Manila because they develop the same and have the same likes and dislikes,” said Perez. According to her, food, books and the school bus system are not as good in the Philippines compared with those in Prince George’s County because there is not enough money.

When it comes to what goes on during class, her attitude is the same no matter what time zone she happens to be in. “In class the work time is everything; the kids should be focused,” said Perez.

Consistent Rules

Perez tries to keep simple, consistent rules that help everything run smoothly. She lets students choose from a prize box for good work and she also has a way to deal with the occasional problem. “The first day of class, of course, they are going to try to test you; it’s in their nature,” said Perez with a smile. “I just ignore the little things because it is up to you how the class goes from there.”

In her classroom Perez incorporates reading into her lessons on the Eastern Hemisphere and current events. She tries different methods of teaching for each individual student because everyone is unique.

Currently Perez is a thesis away from a master’s degree in education from the University of the Philippines. She is exploring options that would allow her to finish her thesis online. According to her, she was lucky to land in Greenbelt. “It is true, it’s a livable place,” said Perez.

To sum up her teaching philosophy, Perez looks to a poem by Haim Ginott that was given to her by one of her former teachers. She is eager to share the poem with anyone who cares to ask. It ends with some advice for teachers: “In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated; and a child humanized or dehumanized.”

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teachers, Dr. Kenneth Jones, principal, said. And she has been able to take some students who were behind and help them catch up, he said.

She has “great classroom management skills [and] uses a lot of innovative structure [and] tools,” Jones said.

“She makes it fun for them as well,” he added.

Coffield often sees her former students and they come up and say “Hi” to her. In fact, one of them, whom she taught in kindergarten in 1994, is now playing basketball at Syracuse University, she said.

Oh, and the brother Coffield used to force to play school with her? He now holds a Ph.D. and is a principal in D.C. public schools, she said.



PHOTO BY MATT CAHILL

GTA’s Award-winning Kid’s Tennis Clinic: In spite of the cold weather, most students attended the final clinic along with volunteer instructors and clinic organizers. The clinic resumes in the spring. Pictured from left are (front row) Grace Seo, Saad Akram, Chris Acha, Beatrice Acha, Nia Brown, (Nia’s younger sister) and Alexandra Sherman; (second row) Dante McMullen, Christopher Sherman, Daniel Seo, Nelson Chen, Vanessa Phillips, Julia Pedersoli and Nicholas Serra; (back row) Bill Wilkerson, Cam MacQueen, Subodh Arora and Phil Wilson. Missing from the photo are Jazmin Castrillo, Lenner Garner, Linda Kuo, Adrian Davis, Omari Williams, Matthew Early, Julia Tartaro and Jeremy Tuthill.

Tennis Ass’n Wins Cassels

Award to Teach Youths

by Steve Kane

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative, Inc. (GCC) awarded its third annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award to the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) for its Kid’s Tennis Clinic. In announcing the winner of the \$1,000 award at the Co-op’s annual meeting on November 1, Steve Kane said, “The selection committee was impressed by GTA’s initiation of a tennis clinic that would include children who would normally not be exposed to tennis and all its benefits.”

The award is given to a Greenbelt organization for projects or activities that significantly contribute to the community and is named in honor of the late Jim Cassels, who gave tirelessly to his community, whether helping local groups, mentoring new co-operatives, guiding the formation and realization of senior housing or getting up at the crack of dawn to deliver newspapers in Green Ridge House.

In accepting the award on behalf of GTA, Bill Wilkerson thanked GCC members and stated that “The tennis clinic is aimed at teaching tennis skills, the rules of the game and sportsmanship to approximately 20 boys and girls under 14 years old and is intended as an alternative activity for exercise, fun, and personal growth.” Cam MacQueen, also of GTA, said, “This recognition will allow the GTA to create and manage a first-rate community tennis experience for the kids, while providing the program with important credibility.”

MacQueen stated that the \$1,000 award money will pay for professional instructors, purchase equipment for the tennis clinic and supply GTA T-shirts for the kids. Stipends to high school assistant instructors will be available.

To initiate the program, clinic leaders MacQueen and Wilkerson recruited Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School this past fall to participate in the program. Within a matter of weeks (and before applying for the award), GTA collected a sufficient number of donated racquets, thanks to the generosity of Greenbelt residents (including Mayor Judith Davis). The Greenbelt Recreation Department reserved court time at the Braden Field tennis courts and provided a place to store the racquets, ball hoppers and numerous

tennis balls donated by the GTA. It also donated court lighting.

GTA solicited coaching assistance from area instructors – some professionally certified. Darryl Price brought his U.S. Tennis Association experience in teaching kids’ tennis to help the other instructors. Two Eleanor Roosevelt High School tennis team players were enlisted, with senior Phil Wilson receiving community service hours for his participation. Senior Subodh Arora, won GTA’s David Craig Tournament in September as Men’s A singles and A doubles champion. He also plays on the ERHS tennis team. Professional coach Damon Austin gave the volunteer instructors tips on coaching, exercises to use with the kids and led one of the clinics. GTA member Sam Sain, a member of GTA for nearly 30 years, who has taught kids for much of that time, donated his expertise.

The 20 available slots were quickly filled with students, with others placed on a waiting list for next spring, when even more instructors will be recruited. The first of the six clinics was held on September 22 and was greeted with excitement by the children and their parents. MacQueen and Wilkerson were pleased with the diversity of students who came from the targeted local schools as well as the Friends Community School and St. Hugh’s.

Student participants in the GTA included: Nelson Chen, Christopher Acha, Beatrice Acha, Alexandra Sherman, Chistopher Sherman, Vanessa Phillips, Julia Pedersoli, Saad Akram, Dante McMullen, Grace Seo, Daniel Seo, Nia Brown, Nick Serra, Jeremy Tuthill, Julia Tartaro, Lenny Garner, Linda Kuo, Matthew Early, Jazmin Castrillo, Adrian Davis and Omari Williams.

The participants met weekly and to encourage continued interest in the sport, each student was presented with a tennis instruction manual, a racquet and tennis balls. By the last clinic held on November 10 the instructors were happy to note the progress of the students. The Greenbelt Tennis Association is looking forward to moving ahead with plans for the kid’s spring tennis clinic just as the Jim Cassels Award Committee is looking forward to its search for the next deserving winner of its award in 2009.



Education is
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to everyone!



Artists on the Avenue Open New Shop on Route One

by Anke Bettina Irgang

A sense of comfort and calm cheerfulness is the first impression that greets visitors as they enter Artists on the Avenue, a small shop selling locally produced, handmade arts and crafts. The store, which opened its doors in October at 5614 Baltimore Avenue in Hyattsville, is based on the cooperation of more than 50 local artists.

One of many Greenbelt artists featured in the store, Missy Dodd specializes in hand-painted Christmas ornaments. She also paints in-house murals for customers of her decorating business and offers counted cross-stitch patterns from photographs.

Dodd said she appreciates the opportunity to cooperate with other local artists: “Not only do we have a place to showcase our art but we have a network of artists to work with and to share ideas.” Her tiny teapots won the grand prize several years ago in a Good Housekeeping Magazine holiday contest.

Kimberly Stark, another Greenbelt resident, works mainly with Shrinky Dinks, a brand of large plastic sheets that shrink when heated. However, she has also experimented with a number of other art forms, including embroidery and charcoal drawing.

The idea to open a cooperative store that displays and sells local art was first conceived by fused-glass artist Tina Van Pelt of Riverdale Park.

Local Art

“I feel strongly that our community deserves a place to buy locally produced art and our local artists deserve a place to sell to the community,” she said.

Van Pelt, who has been teaching art classes at the Greenbelt Community Center for several years, uses fused glass to create jewelry and ornaments. Her colorful products are displayed alongside a variety of bead necklaces, candles, shawls, hand-painted greeting cards and woodwork.

The work of such Greenbelters as stained glass artist Richard McMullin; Maria Ross, who makes fused-glass jewelry; photographer Ron McWildier; and Liza Linder, who works with

tie-dyed papers, are also featured prominently in the store’s colorful display.

“If people want domestic gifts, this is the place to come,” said jeweler Richard Brown of Bladensburg, pointing out the many decorative items that populate the store and contribute to its homey feel.

Firsthand information is always readily available to customers as the artists who display their work also volunteer at the store. “We get a chance to work while also minding the store. As our volunteer hours increase, we get a greater percentage of the profits,” said Denise Brown, a painter and Bladensburg resident.

In addition to selling arts and crafts, Artists on the Avenue also provides workshops for those interested in producing artworks of their own. For information on future classes, go to www.artistsontheavenue.com or call 301-864-5614.

County Leads Area in Charitable Giving

by James Giese

There are generous donors to charitable and nonprofit organizations in and around Greenbelt. Prince George’s County led all area jurisdictions in giving as a percentage of adjusted gross income reported on federal income tax forms in 2005. The \$4,879 average deduction for donations to charitable groups per tax return with itemized deductions filed by county residents was 6.23 percent of reported income, a percentage higher than for the state, the District of Columbia or any other county in the Washington Metropolitan Area. This conclusion is based upon data accumulated by the Urban Institute’s National Center for Charitable Statistics obtained from Statistics of Income provided by the Internal Revenue Service for 2005, the last year for which complete data is available.

Two area jurisdictions, Montgomery County with \$5,073 and the District with \$6,871, had higher average deductions for charitable giving for those filing itemized tax returns but





with donations comprising only 3.03 percent of income and 4.54 percent respectively, these two jurisdictions fell far short of the 6.23 percent reported for Prince George’s. The Virginia area jurisdictions lagged behind all Maryland area jurisdictions and the District both in the average amount of donations reported and the average amount as a percentage of income reported. Fairfax County led the Virginia group with average deductions for charitable contributions of \$4,596. For donations as a percentage of income, the City of Alexandria and Manassas and Prince William Counties virtually

tied for the lead among Virginia area jurisdictions at 2.8 percent.

State Data

According to 2006 data provided for the 50 states and the District of Columbia, also from the same sources, Maryland ranked sixth in average adjusted gross income reported at \$66,643. Connecticut at \$82,682 ranked first, the District second at \$74,399 and Virginia 10th at \$63,626. For tax returns having itemized deductions, Wyoming placed first for average amount contributed at \$10,021, the District placed third at \$7,303, Maryland 20th at \$4,392 and Virginia 22nd at \$4,220. However, when the calculation was made of charitable contributions for all returns, Utah led the way at \$2,698, the District was second at \$2,534, Maryland third at \$1,912 and Virginia 10th at \$1,481.

For the United States in 2006, the average charitable contribution per return having itemized charitable deductions was \$4,339 and the average charitable contribution for all returns was \$1,319.





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- Freestyle Session
- DJ Sk8 Night



Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, Dec. 6th
9:00am – 1:30pm

Pajama Night

Friday, December 12th 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Wear your pajamas and skate under lights while listening to music from our DJ

\$3.00 Price includes skate rental

Parents Night Out

Friday, December 5th, Friday, December 12th Pajama Night, & Friday, December 19th

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Treat yourself to a night out on the town, shopping for that special gift, take in a movie, go-out to diner or a quiet night at home. Drop your child off and we will supervise their night of fun. They will enjoy a night of ice- skating, crafts, and games.

6yrs –12yrs old

\$7 resident / \$9 non-resident

Holiday Skating Lessons

Monday – Tuesday December 22, 23, 29, & 30



Learn how to ice skate. Classes are available for all ages and levels. Series is four days long. Skate rental is included for the lessons.

\$44 resident / \$52 non-resident

Herbert Wells Hockey Skills Camp

Ages: 7 -17 years

Hockey Skills Camp December 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 29th, 30th and January 2nd from 7:00am – 6:00pm. Meets the needs of the novice and intermediate hockey players and goalies that are interested in sharpening their hockey skills. Our goal is the development of better hockey skills. To achieve this goal we emphasize power skating, stick handling, passing, shooting and team play. Full equipment required, including mouth guard and neck guard. FEE: \$75.00 resident



Betty Sonneveldt Honored With “Nice Guys Award”

by Kellie Woodhouse

B e t t y Sonneveldt may play many roles in life – wife, swim team volunteer, mother, tutor, grandmother, role model, scuba diver and full time teacher – but, in the end, she can be summed up with one simple word: unwavering. Throughout her 30 years of tutoring students, many of whom can’t read a menu, subtract complex numbers or string together a sentence in English, Sonneveldt has not once given up on a student.

In her eyes, every person is worth a fight, whether that means combating a lousy home situation or the inability to do long division.

“She just never, never gives up on anybody and the people that she works with feel that,” says Gail Drake, executive director of the Prince George’s County Literacy Council. “People meet Betty and they see what she does and they wonder where the energy comes from because there seems to be an unlimited amount of energy to give.”

Plucked out of nearly 100 volunteers and philanthropists, Acadia Federal Savings Bank awarded Sonneveldt its annual “Nice Guys Award” in October for her work with the Literacy Council. Along with a lot of unexpected attention, the award includes a \$3,000 donation to the charity or nonprofit of Sonneveldt’s choice – the Literacy Council of Prince George’s County in Hyattsville, where she has served as a volunteer Instructional Specialist for more than four years.

The Literacy Council provides free tutoring in reading, elementary math and the English language. Sonneveldt initiated the council’s high school diploma instruction program, which has also helped hundreds of patrons prepare for their G.E.D. tests. Since she began the program in 2004, the Literacy Council has helped over 100 adults earn Maryland high school diplomas. Over all, nearly 1,400 county residents of all ages benefit from the council’s services.

The Literacy Council will use Sonneveldt’s monetary award toward helping fund its adult literacy instruction program and its new family education program which targets children 3 and under.

Surpasses Most

According to Drake, Sonneveldt’s efforts surpass those of most tutors. Whether it’s a few encouraging words, a ride home, an open conversation or a few groceries, Drake says that Sonneveldt utilizes her benevolence and creative nature to find solutions to her clients’ needs, even if these go beyond adding and subtracting.

“Every individual that she interacts with she accepts as a whole human being and she



Betty Sonneveldt

sees their potential,” says Drake, adding that “being valued is new” for many of the students Sonneveldt works with. “Everybody who has been a part of Betty’s world becomes a part of her family.”

Sonneveldt said that ever since she’s had kids, she realized that people on her street and in her life needed help of some sort and, since then, she’s felt compelled to volunteer.

“You see people in the grocery store and you see them loading the groceries in their car and they go to work every day and you assume that they have the skills we do,” said Sonneveldt, “and it’s not always true.”

And while Sonneveldt excels in the personal aspect of her volunteer work, she’s an intuitive tutor as well.

“She really knows the pedagogy of what works and what doesn’t. She knows the best practices and she uses them,” Drake said, adding that one of Sonneveldt’s unique features is “the level of energy she has to do constructive things.”

In addition to her work at the Literacy Council, Sonneveldt is a Home and Hospital teacher for Prince George’s County school system and a recently appointed member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in Greenbelt. In the past, she has volunteered as a Brownies leader, room mother for her children’s classrooms, president of the Greenbelt Nursery School, president of the Lakeside Citizens Association and a Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club helper. She also spent over 13 years volunteering for her children’s swim team.

And she’s passed on the volunteering bug to her children, her friends and her neighbors, who, she says, have all helped promote adult literacy.

Sonneveldt says that of all her volunteering activities, she has a passion for working with adults.

Worthwhile Work

“It’s really worthwhile to work with adults because they can become your friends and it’s an amazing gift to be part of their journey,” said Sonneveldt; “you realize that they have the same problems as you.”

But more than creating friendships, Sonneveldt says that a person who has been helped will give back tenfold.

“I’m gonna be gone some day but I’m leaving behind a lot of grandkids and I want the world to be a better place for them,” said Sonneveldt. “The bottom line is if somebody becomes better educated they’re gonna get a better job and they’re gonna pay more taxes and they’re gonna give back. It just makes sense.”

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Middle School

In other matters council agreed with an ACE recommendation to send a letter to the governor supporting project funding for construction of a new Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) by keeping the GMS project a high priority for state funding by the Interagency Committee for school construction.

Legislation

Council is planning for its annual legislative dinner with the city’s state and county representatives and the city staff provided recommendations for state and county issues. Council amended the staff recommendations with only a few minor changes.

The four top state issues for the city will be legislation to enable new site plan authority for the city, public safety funding for the municipal costs associated with a required upgrade to the emergency radio system, funding for the dredging of Greenbelt Lake for water quality purposes and state legislation to encourage or require gas stations to offer alternative fuels.

At the county level, the highest priorities are the funding for a new Greenbelt Middle school, re-establishment of a county Landlord-Tenant Commission, increased Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning funding for Greenbelt recreation and parks programs and continued funding for land acquisition and construction of a new Greenbelt Fire Station.

The legislative program will also include information on a host of other issues or programs where the city has an interest and long-standing position, such as support for the Purple Line project and continued opposition to the Inter-county Connector (ICC) and the proposed extension of Kenilworth Avenue to Laurel and the ICC.

Recycle Awards

Council made the annual “Recycle Right” awards to Greenbelt homeowners selected from among the several neighborhoods based on their excellent adherence to the city’s recycling criteria and the appearance of their recycle bins and recycled items. Residents from each of the city’s four waste collection routes and the contracted route in Greenbelt East were selected by Public Works staff for the coveted awards.

Luisa Robles and Will Smith of Public Works presented the awards to Colin and Suzette Israel of Landon Court; Vivian, William and Natalie Olsen of Boxwood Village; Thomas and Jeanne McArdle of Crescent Road; Maria Teresa and Derrick Jones of Emily’s Way and Linda Lacey of Ridge Road. In addition to a new decorated recycle bin, awardees received a Frisbee, T-shirt and the opportunity for a photo op with the mayor, council and Robles and Smith of Public Works.

The mayor presented Councilmember Rodney Roberts with a Prince George’s County Municipal Association Longevity Award, recognizing his 17 years of service on the Greenbelt City Council.

Beverly Palau, the city’s public information officer, received a proclamation from the mayor in recognition of her initiative in developing programs honoring Municipal Government month in Greenbelt. This year Palau has created a new educational quiz show program, “Greenbelt Works,” on the city’s website that is de-

signed to promote awareness of the role and function of Greenbelt government. Gift cards and prizes are awarded to elementary school age children who live in Greenbelt or attend school in Greenbelt.

CrimeReports.com

The last presentation was a video demonstration by Greenbelt Police Corporal Maria Parker of a new partnership the city has entered into with CrimeReports.com that will provide easy-to-read crime maps and automated alerts to Greenbelt residents on the Internet. The service, which is free to members of the public, allows people to view reported crime activity on an easy-to-use map for any location within Greenbelt and adjacent communities.

Parker noted that the report is updated nightly and that the system provides the date, time, location, incident type and number of reported crimes. The incident location is displayed at the block or intersection level.

She noted that the city’s participation in the program for the first year has been funded by a Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention grant. After that grant expires, the city would have to pay approximately \$100 per month to maintain the service.

Using the web address www.CrimeReports.com this reporter was able to access the crime map for Greenbelt neighborhoods, finding it easy to use and navigate to view reports associated with Greenbelt neighborhoods and the surrounding communities. The site also contains links to view the crime reports and for people to register to receive email alerts for reported crimes in their neigh-

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different times for the market were considered, the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. period seemed to work well and the Farmers Market board would be interested in only slight changes.

Council and staff reaction to the Farmers Market report was upbeat and staff saw no problems in renewing the market permit for 2009 and working with the organizers on signage issues. The staff report to council cautioned that while there may be opportunity for expansion, careful consideration needs to be given to maintaining the handicap parking along the north end of the lot, pedestrian safety, overall parking capacity and vehicular circulation around the market area.

Planetarium Event

On December 12 the Howard B. Owens Science Center will offer this month’s program, “Susie’s Snowflake.” This is an introduction to the easily-recognized constellations in the winter sky. Learn along with Susie, who discovers that snowflakes have six points. She also recognizes six bright stars in the night sky that she uses to make a snowflake. A tour of the night sky follows the recorded presentation. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Call 301-918-8750 during school hours to confirm the program topic.

There is a fee but children under 3 are admitted free. The Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham.

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Robberies

November 21, 9:26 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a person was robbed at gunpoint by a man who took the person's wallet, punched him and fled the scene. The suspect is described as a black male, wearing a black jacket, blue jeans and a backpack, armed with an unknown type of long gun.

November 22, 2:58 a.m., 7810 Walker Drive, a man robbed an employee at the Hilton Garden Inn at gunpoint, taking money from the cash drawer. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10" to 6', wearing a light brown jacket, blue jeans and a ski-type mask.

November 25, 8:32 p.m., Gardenway and Ridge Road, a person was approached by two young men who blocked the person's path and demanded money. After obtaining cash both young men fled the scene on foot. One suspect is described as a black male in his teens, 5'10", 160 pounds with black hair, wearing a dark hooded jacket with blue trim.

Arson

November 22, 3:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) set fire to a rug inside the common area of an apartment building.

Drug Arrests

November 21, 8:50 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after he was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana at the school. The youth was released pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

November 21, 3:04 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute, possession of heroin, possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm during a trafficking crime, transporting a handgun, illegal possession of a regulated firearm, transporting a firearm after a federal conviction, driving while impaired by drugs, driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance and other vehicle related charges. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

November 21, 6:15 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Pontiac Street, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before

a district court commissioner. A nonresident man was arrested and charged with false statement. He was released to the Department of Corrections for service of an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department.

November 25, 9:36 a.m., 5600 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana, driving while impaired by drugs and other traffic related charges. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

November 21, 7:20 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a brick was thrown through the living room window of a residence. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'11", 157 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

November 22, 7:16 a.m., 7100 block Megan Lane, unknown person(s) used a BB-type gun to shoot out the kitchen window of a residence.

Burglaries

November 20, 9:37 p.m., 7200 block South Ora Court, camera equipment, a video game player and a PDA were among the items reported as taken.

November 21, 3:28 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, money, a laptop computer, a video camera and a watch were among the items reported as taken.

November 23, 5 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

November 25, 9:21 a.m., Roosevelt Center, an iPod docking station and money were reported as taken.

November 25, 11:37 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a television, a video game player and DVDs were reported as taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a green 1997 Acura Integra 4-door, Maryland tags 1CJH31 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace and a maroon 1999 Volkswagen Passat 4-door, Maryland tags 7EJE92 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive. An attempted vehicle theft was reported at the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 7600 block Hanover Parkway (scratched paint) and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (damaged door handle).

Theft from vehicles occurred at 6100 block Breezewood Court (rear tag), 9100 block Springhill Lane (rear tag) and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (stereo speakers).

Driving Initiative Puts Youth in Go-Karts

by Vicki Kriz

School Resource Officer John Rogers of the Greenbelt Police Department sees the same thing every day at his post at Eleanor Roosevelt High School: young drivers driving too fast and recklessly on the road.

"When you first get your license, you cannot drive. Just because you pass a driving test does not mean you are a driver. It means that you have done the few skills the state requires of you and passed a written test," Rogers said. "You lack practical experience."

After a Greenbelt resident approached Rogers with the idea to teach pre-driving age youth (ages 14 to 16) the basics of driving using go-karts, he thought such a course could be an effective means to give youth practical driving experience. The resident observed that his three older children who had driven a go-kart as children have not been in any car accidents, while his youngest child, who had not used the go-kart, has been in several.

Rogers designed a curriculum for a course where pre-driving age students would not only learn the basics of driving and safe driving practices but would have the opportunity to practice such skills while driving a go-kart on a designated track. According to Rogers, no other such program exists in the country.

Go-karts are the ideal vehicle for this course because no license is required and vehicles can be

adjusted for speed and size of the driver, Rogers said.

Funding Program

To fund the program, Rogers applied for a grant through State Farm Insurance and received \$15,700 for the program. The program is also being sponsored by the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police, of which Rogers is president, and is supported by Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Students Against Destructive Decisions student group as well as local Boy Scout troop 746, whose members will serve as the first test class of Rogers' driving program.

"For the scouts, it's an opportunity to participate in the community, which is one of our fundamental themes," Scoutmaster Lenny Wertz said. Wertz said participating scouts would work to receive a traffic safety merit badge.

Scouts who complete the course will be asked to help facilitate future classes to encourage peer interaction. Ten to 15 scouts will participate in the first test class, anticipated to be held in May. After learning about the mechanics and maintenance of the go-karts, scouts will also take care of the upkeep of the karts.

Rogers' three-day curriculum includes traffic law, safe driving tactics, road rage and drag racing as well as proper procedures for interacting with police on the road. Rogers hopes that his program will encourage a positive interaction between the police and

the city's youth.

One-day Courses

A one-day course will also be designed for middle-school-aged children with the first class expected to be held in the summer. According to Rogers, he will first give preference to children participating in the city Department of Recreation's summer program, Camp Pine Tree, to fill these spots.

Currently, Rogers is waiting on the arrival of the five go-karts he will use in his course. The go-karts seat two, one for the driver and the other for a peer facilitator. All riders will wear helmets. The go-karts will be kept in a locked storage container in a parking lot at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, where the course will be located. One go-kart, designated for Rogers, will be sent to the city's Department of Public Works to be painted and equipped like a police vehicle. He will drive this vehicle during the driving portion of the course, "pulling over" students to give encouragement and advice.

At the end of the third day, students will receive a certificate of completion. Students who complete the course will also be able to receive a discount on their insurance from State Farm, after viewing a State Farm-sponsored video shown during the course.

Rogers plans to have the program ready for the test class of scouts in May and hopes to have several classes open to the community over the summer.

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Free workshop reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

GREENBELT –An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students twice during the month of December at one location.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your

child to a private or UM school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Tuesday, December 16th at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room #103, and Saturday, December 20th in Room #114. The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. On Tuesday, December 16th, the class is from 7:15pm to 8:45pm. On

Saturday, December 20th, the class is from 12:15p.m. – 1:45p.m. The workshop is being taught by John Middleton, an expert on paying for college, who is a member of a tax, accounting and financial planning practice located in Beltsville, Maryland.

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CHEARS to Present Music for the Spirit

by Richard McMullin

The Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS) will offer KIVA, Music for the Spirit, on Friday, December 19 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The Stone Soup Project is a part of the CHEARS family of nonprofit projects dedicated to raising awareness and interest in a fragile environment and man’s connection to nature through education, arts and research projects. Stone Soup takes its name from the classic folk tale of three travelers who convince a town of people to give a little to help make their meager stone soup just a little better by adding just what they can to the pot. CHEARS is like the travelers with music as the “soup,” asking those who can give a bit of talent, expertise, resources, spirit and energy to the mix so in the end everyone can enjoy a feast of music. The emphasis is on music that lifts the spirit and engages the listener to think and see more of the natural world.

Stone Soup produces the music at the Green Man festivals and the Fall Harvest Festival and plans more such events with collaborators from many different groups.

Worldbeat Ensemble

KIVA is a percussive, acoustic, worldbeat ensemble that celebrates the magic and essence of nature and ancient bardic traditions with music to open the heart and heal the spirit. The band blends strong vocal harmo-

nies with rich and diverse acoustic and electric instrumentation, performing originals, traditionals and covers. These modern day bards expertly weave mandolin, guitar, bass, cello, flutes, didgeridoo, percussion, violin and voices into a celebration of the natural world.

The musicians are inspired by many cultures, spiritual disciplines and musical styles, including Celtic-folk, folk-rock, blues, big band, traditional chants and jazz. KIVA is based in the Washington, D.C., metro area and has been nominated 14 times (so far) for the Washington Area Music (Wammie) Award. The group has been a part of the Washington area music scene since 1989. At a KIVA concert listeners will find mythology and traces of ancient cultures blending with natural imagery to create a tapestry of the world’s history and preserving it for future generations.

Ariana Lightningstorm is a lead singer, songwriter and manager of KIVA. She grew up in a musical family which includes a band-directing mother (Frances Fox) and a famous operatic aunt in Italy (Barbara Demaio). Lightningstorm has taken her classical training in music into the creative realm of mythology and spiritual traditions from around the world. She was nominated for the DC Wammie Award in 1996 and 1998 as “Best New Age Female Vocalist.”

Diana McFadden, a Greenbelt resident, has been playing with KIVA since the very beginning. A classically-trained cellist, Mc-

Fadden is also self-taught in guitar, mandolin, cittern and various other string instruments. Her playing has been shaped by an interest in progressive rock, blues, jazz, eastern and Indian music, as well as medieval and various traditional musics. McFadden has performed with the Celtic folk band Iona, the Celtic-psychedelic band Green Crown and other bands such as Pomegranate and Longhouse. She has recorded with many of the local DC-area traditional folk bands. Diana also performs with the folk band Folk Nouveau and with Owain Phyfe of the New World Renaissance Band.

There is a fee for the performance (see ad on page 3).

Richard McMullin coordinates special musical programs for Stone Soup.

Hospice to Offer Hope Full Holidays

Hospice of the Chesapeake’s Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center is offering “Hope Full Holidays,” a one-session seminar to help those grieving learn coping strategies for the upcoming holiday season. A team of hospice bereavement counselors will present the seminar for adults, age 18 and older, on Wednesday, December 10 at the Baltimore Washington Medical Center, 301 Hospital Drive, 2nd Floor PHP Suite, in Glen Burnie. There is a fee and pre-registration is requested. For more information call the Care Center at 410-987-2129.

Upcoming Patuxent Nature Programs

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are free and held at two sites, the North Tract and the National Wildlife Visitor Center. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice.

For more information visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov.

North Tract

The North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, is holding the following programs:

Bird Walk

Sunday, December 7, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., for all ages. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Owl Prowl

Sunday, December 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for all ages. Explore the refuge at night while

looking and listening for owls.

Nature Scene Investigation

Sunday, December 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 8 to 10. Nature Scene Investigation is underway. Join a refuge naturalist in discovering what different animal skulls can teach us. Learn how to tell an animal’s lifestyle just from looking at its bones.

Visitor Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197 and is holding the following programs:

Bird Walks

Friday, December 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday, December 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. for ages 16 and up. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Hibernation

Wednesday, December 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. for ages 5 to 7. Shhh! Some are sleeping. Come and discover how animals have adapted to survive during the cold winter months.

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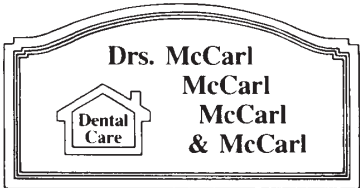


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Co-op Sales Reach \$12 Million, Remodeling May Be in Stages

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) was held on November 1. The cooperative is better known as Greenbelt's Co-op Grocery Store. For the first time ever, the store reported annual sales in excess of \$12 million. The board also announced that after months of discussion, the co-op would not be expanding into the empty space under the current store. The Greenbelt branch of the U.S. Post Office had occupied the lower level for many years.

Dorrie Bates, president of the GCC board, commented on some of the new activities at the store including in-store food demonstrations. She encouraged members to participate in board meetings which are held the last Wednesday of the month. Joe Timer, treasurer, presented much of the financial data, followed by Bob Davis, store manager.

The board devoted many hours to the issue of the Post Office space and what role the Co-op should play in occupying the building. The Co-op has the general lease on the entire property now and is the landlord for the Greenbelt Arts Center and for any future tenant of the empty space. However, the Co-op is not responsible for the rent on that space until a tenant is found. After discussing possible use of the building by the Co-op, the board decided not to expand into the space. They will continue to work on plans for remodeling the current store but within its current square footage. With the economic downturn, it might take longer than anticipated to complete the remodel. One of the most important areas is new freezer and refrigerated case space. The current equipment is old and uses more electricity than newer models.

Timer indicated that the store is "still a healthy business" and in a "very strong financial state." Total sales topped \$12 million for the first time. About 43 percent of the income comes from the grocery part of the business and about 33 percent is from the pharmacy. Fees for the placement of the ATM machine and patronage refunds from the co-operative in Pennsylvania where much food is purchased, added to the bottom line.

On the expense side, rents and utilities continue to rise. The rent, under the new lease, is about 15 percent higher than before. Members of the cooperative receive a patronage refund each year. It was pointed out that the Co-op has paid back to members \$1.5 million since the current Co-op was founded.

Co-op manager Davis echoed the board members by stating that the fiscal year ending in the summer was a "good year, not a great year, but a good one." He described the food business as buffered from the economy by the fact that it is a staple. There have been profits from the store in almost every year of the Co-op's 25 years of existence; those profits are returned to members and to staff (primarily as additions to their retirement plan).

Remodeling

Davis provided more information on the planned remodeling although he commented that he is not sure how many years he has been discussing this remodeling. They will concentrate on the

existing floor plan. They have received and are reviewing bids. The cost should be about \$1 million; however, the business is a cooperative so there are no funds set aside for the project. Once all the plans are evaluated they will seek funds, possibly through the National Cooperative Bank, of which they are shareholders. This is the same bank that loaned the members money to purchase the store 25 years ago. The board hopes to borrow all the money at once; if that is not an option, then remodeling will be done in segments.

Specifics of the remodeling include replacing all freezers and refrigerator cases, upgrading lighting, laying a new floor and painting the outside of the building. Davis emphasized the problems with the cases, describing ice cream with frost and a limited ability to display a larger number of items.

Member Questions

There was a complaint that the new gray plastic bags are weaker than the old bags. Davis agreed. He indicated that these were more biodegradable and so a supply was purchased. But, he indicated, that people were unhappy and he has stopped buying them; they are just using up the supply they have. Someone asked about charging for bags as a way to encourage people to bring their own bags. Davis indicated that he feels that a customer has a right to expect a bag, but they are looking into the idea of a 3 to 5 cent rebate for not using a new bag.

What about hand scanners for heavy items? Davis indicated that they had purchased hand scanners but that they did not work with the current computers. New hand scanners may be on the way, he said.

What about restrooms on the main shopping floor? Yes, Davis said they are trying to find a location for them.

Elections

Two current board members, Jill Stevenson and Tom Moran, had indicated that they would not be running for reelection this year. The slate of officers was presented, including current members Dorrie Bates, Joe Timer and Robert Gordon. Barbara Dickey Davis, appointed to fill Jill St. John's seat when she moved to Brussels, Belgium, was now running for an elected position on the board. Donna Hoffmeister also sought a seat on the board. Since the number of nominees equaled the number of board seats available, the board was elected by acclamation. The officers will be elected by the new board in early December. Timer announced that Co-op membership is now at 7,628 members, 1,381 of them voting members (members with a specific amount of funds in their accounts).

Cassels Service Award

Steve Kane, representing Greenbelt Climate Action Network, last year's recipient of the Jim Cassels Award, reported on how their grant had been spent and announced this year's winner. The Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) was selected in a difficult decision among seven worthwhile applications. The award is for \$1,000. Bill Wilkerson accepted for the group and spoke briefly about GTA's kids program to provide tennis equipment and instruction for kids 8 to 13 years. The fall program, now completed,

included 20 children representing all Greenbelt public elementary schools and the middle school. The award will be used to fund a professional instructor to supervise the volunteer instructors (who include two high school students as well as adult players) and purchase kid's tennis rackets, T-shirts and athletic shoes.

Door Prizes

At the close of business, at-

tention turned to awarding of the door prizes. A toaster, a juicer, fleece shirt, sweatshirt and three \$25 Co-op gift certificates were awarded. The top prize, a \$50 Co-op gift certificate, was won by Konrad Herling. Each member present received a canvas Co-op bag, calendar and other small gifts.

Eileen Farnham also contributed to this article.

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Greenbelters Were Featured in Virtual Exhibit

by Barbara Simon

Two Greenbelt photographers, Bob Greene and Nora Simon, had their photographs included in Virtual Prince George's, the county exhibit in FotoWeek DC, a week-long celebration of photography that took place November 15 through 22. FotoWeek DC was the first annual gathering of a diverse and wide-ranging photography community in the nation's capital and included photographers, museums, galleries and universities in the area with exhibits, lectures and other events. Virtual Prince George's was on display through November 28 in the Lobby Atrium at 6525 Belcrest Road, in Hyattsville.

Greene had three photographs chosen for Virtual Prince George's, his first juried show. He states that he is relatively new to photography and appreciates that "photography offers the opportunity to look at length at a moment in time, to see what normally flashes by or, alternatively, to look more fully at what stands still, where we typically breeze past without noticing. I strive to look deeply at the world, admiring beauty in, at times, unexpected places."

Greene says he found tables and chairs humorously stacked as "Unintended Sculpture" at the Hirschorn Museum.

Nora Simon's photograph in the exhibit, "Camp Fire" is a study in abstraction. Nora is a student at the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, majoring in graphic design. Her interest in photography is the result of a beginning photography class in art school and she is interested in every aspect of the medium. Greenbelt photographer Barbara Tyroler, who served on the Advisory Board to FotoWeek DC and was one of the two jurors for Virtual Prince George's, said about Nora's photograph: "I loved this photo when I first saw it, the intense red vibrating form in the foreground with the vague shadowing blur of a figure behind it.



Nora Simon's photograph "Camp Fire" was included in the exhibit.

I was thrilled to find out that it was created by our own Nora from Greenbelt!"

Virtual Prince George's was organized in conjunction with FotoWeek DC (www.fotoweekdc.org) and juried by photographers Mark Power and Barbara Tyroler. Tyroler is on the faculty of the Art Department of the University of Maryland where she teaches all of the photography classes offered. The Executive Board for Virtual Prince George's was a collaborative effort made possible by the teamwork of Valerie Watson, Visual Arts Specialist for the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of M-NCPPC; Ethel Lewis from the Prince George's Arts Council; Ruth Harwood, assistant director, Montpelier Arts Center; and Nicole DeWald, the arts supervisor for the Greenbelt Recreation Department; as well as Tyroler.

Both Greene and Simon are members of the Greenbelt Photo Club, which meets the second Tuesday of every month, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Barbara Tyroler and Bob Greene also contributed to this article.



Bob Greene's photograph "Unintended Sculpture" was one of three that were chosen for the virtual exhibit.

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Single-Level Living
This one-bedroom GHI home is on the first floor— no stairs inside! Fenced backyard with large shed and stone patio. Priced at \$123,000

Brick End Unit
Remodeled kitchen with half-bath on first floor. Sunlight on first level. End unit with large deck. Priced at \$122,900

One Bedroom GHI Home
Top-floor living with private stairwell and entry door. Windows overlook trees and yards. Refinished floors & hardwood bookcases. \$115,000

Corner Lot - Backs To Woodlands - Addition, Too!
This 2 bedroom end unit has an ADDITION with half-bath on the main level. Remodeled opened kitchen and bath. Separate laundry. \$179,900

Honeymoon Cottage
Fresh paint throughout, new kitchen, new stairs, new living room chairs! Parquet wood flooring, large front and back gardens. \$60,000

Renovated Cape Cod Home
Refinished hardwood floors and lots of exposed woodwork. Upstairs laundry room. Separate dining room; 3br & 2 full baths. \$249,900

2 Bedroom Townhome
GHI townhome with flat-top stove, built-in microwave and modern cabinets. Updated bathroom, large shed in backyard and more. \$159,900

Brick Townhome W/ Half-Bath On Main Level
Tastefully decorated 2-bedroom townhome with extra half-bath and screened porch on the main level. Bright, modern kitchen. \$220,000

Backs To Protected Woodlands
This 2 bedroom townhome has a Trex deck that overlooks the quiet forest. New heaters, electrical outlets and Pergo flooring. Value! \$160,000

Rental
Enjoy living on the 4th Level of this townhome with 2 bedrooms (fireplace, too!) and full bath. Just \$850 per month; Utilities included.

Sunroom Addition and Large Workshop
This 2 bedroom townhome has French doors that open into large sunroom. 8' x 10' garden house/workshop w/power. Refin. floors. 195,000

One Bedroom Home - Under \$100K!
GHI Upper Level Unit with oak hardwood flooring. Overlooks trees and protected woodlands. Why rent when you can own for less? \$99,900

Honeymoon Cottage
Charming cottage in large lot, a lush cooperative. All new energy efficient windows, washer and dryer. One level living comfort. \$160,000

Three Bedroom Townhome
Lovely townhome with sliding patio doors that open onto deck, shaded yard and garden area. Remodeled kitchen; hardwood floors. \$196,500

One Bedroom Home - Lower Level Unit
One level living - backs to large open space. Enjoy the birds and other wildlife. Modern kitchen cabinets. Shed included, too! \$119,500

Townhome With Addition
First-level addition with extra half-bath - room opens onto private deck. Two bedrooms and remodeled bath upstairs. Modern kit. w/dishwasher.

Brick Townhome Near Center of Greenbelt
Wardorfs with vinyl floors on the main level, open kitchen. Remodeled bathroom, refinished oak hardwood flooring. Value! \$218,900

Large Block Townhome With Vinyl Siding
Three bedroom townhome with modern kitchen and bathroom. Pergo flooring in living room. Quality fixtures throughout home. \$214,900

Waldorf
Three story townhome in Westlake Village. Neighborhood access to swimming pools, playgrounds and more. Value Priced at \$289,900

Two Bedroom GHI towhome
Freshly painted throughout with new flat-top stove and modern refrigerator. Fiberglass tub surround. Porch addition overlooks yard. \$172,000

Brick Townhome
Large 11' x 17' master bedroom, 2nd bedroom oak hardwood flooring & bath on top level. Garden space & patio - outdoor enjoyment! \$238,000

Clinton
4 br, 2 ba. Split foyer home located in Clinton Woods. Private Setting. Owners have found their home of choice and reduced price - \$299,900

Your Greenbelt Specialists



The City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Office: 301.-397-2200, Weather Hotline: 301-474-0646

Festival of Lights



The Festival of Lights is a seasonal celebration with activities for all ages throughout the month of December. Neighbors of all backgrounds and traditions are invited to come together in a spirit of peace and hope. We celebrate the sense of community that will warm our hearts during the cold winter ahead, and contemplate with joyous anticipation how we aspire to shine brightly in the new year to come.



Main Attractions

Juried Art and Craft Fair

Saturday 12/06, 10am to 5pm
All Ages Craft Workshop: 11am-1pm
Sunday 12/07, from 11am to 4pm
All Ages Wreath Workshop: 1-3pm
Greenbelt Community Center.
Admission is free. Our annual fair offers a wonderful opportunity to find unique hand-crafted gifts, available directly from the artisans. Register to win \$25 in art bucks accepted by all craft fair exhibitors. Register online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or at the fair before 2pm Sunday. Concessions, provided by the Greenbelt Arts Center, will also be available for purchase. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by an adult.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Greenbelt New Year

Wednesday 12/31, 6:30pm till midnight
Admission: \$5 advance. \$7 at the door.
Children 5 & under admitted free.
Advance sales at the Community Center, Youth Center, and Greenbelt Co-Op Supermarket.
This year's theme is "REVOLUTION"! Ring in the new year close to home with a full evening of fun for all ages! The night will include fire dancers, circus performance & workshop, hula hoop show and hoop jam, inflatable action games, interactive arcade style video games, performance poetry, Camp Cabaret showcase, animated short films, teen bingo, and live music galore with artists including Eastern Standard Time (ska), The Able Birds (folk rock) and headliners The Junkyard Saints (eclectic roots rock).
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Holiday Tree Lighting & Opening Ceremony

Friday, December 5, 7pm
Community Center Front Lawn
Enjoy music, refreshments, Santa and festive fun!
Tree ornaments created by the Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School & The Mom's Morning Out Program.
Hosted By: The Greenbelt Recreation Department

Artful Afternoon December 7th Children & Family Events

Artists in Residence Studio Open House

1pm-4pm
Community Center.
Open to all ages / Admission is FREE.
Tour the studios of the Community Center's Artists in Residence working in a wide range of media. Work will be for sale in several studios.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Alexandria Kleztet

2pm-4pm
Community Center Gym Stage
Open to all ages / FREE
Enjoy an energetic concert with Alexandria Kleztet presenting "Alt Klezmer" as well as traditional favorites.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Art Exhibit: Civil Defense Sculpture by David Page

Gallery exhibition: October 27-December 12
Outdoors: October 2008 through April 2009
With wit and intrigue, Page creates sculpture evoking the tension surrounding personal and national concepts of security. See Page's work on the rear patio of the Greenbelt Youth Center and at the library underpass beneath Crescent Road.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.



Holiday Late Night at the Youth Center

Friday 12/12, 6pm-10:30pm
Greenbelt Youth Center.
For ages 5-12 / Residents: \$20, Non-Residents: \$25
PARENTS, if you still need to do more Holiday shopping or if you would like to take advantage of a great deal then register your child for the Holiday Late Night. The night will include swimming at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, dinner, a movie and game room and gym activity.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Santa's Visit

Saturday 12/13, 10am-noon
Youth Center
Preschool and up / FREE
Santa has fit a visit to Greenbelt into his busy schedule! All children will receive a Polaroid picture with Santa and if you bring a DVD disc you can have your visit professionally recorded.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

North Pole Calling

Tuesday 12/16 through Thursday 12/18 6pm-7:30pm
Preschool through Grade 2. FREE!
Santa and his helpers will make a special phone-call to your home to chat with your child! To be contacted by Santa, complete and return the registration flier available at the Youth Center and online at www.greenbeltmd.gov
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.



Holiday Lights Concert

Sunday 12/14, beginning at 3pm
Community Center Gym
Open to all ages / FREE
Featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band playing a selection of seasonal favorites.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Elves Workshop

Saturday 12/20, 1pm-3pm
Greenbelt Youth Center
Fee: \$10. For ages 6-12.
Come make cookies and crafts with Mrs. Gaye Houchens and Santa's elves!
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Artful Afternoon

Sunday 1/4, 1pm to 4pm
Open to all ages/Free
From floating candles in Brazil to fortune-telling in Austria, the New Year is celebrated with hope and creativity around the world. Join us for a craft workshop inspired by international traditions.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Other Community Sponsored Activities

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Saturday 12/06, 8am to 11am
Greenbelt American Legion Post #136
Open to all ages.
Adults: \$7.00
Children 12 & under: FREE
For pictures with Santa bring your own camera.
Information: Linda Varda / 301.474.8964
Hosted by: The Greenbelt Lion's Club & The American Legion Post #136

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday 12/14, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road
\$8—Adults \$4—Children under 12
Enjoy a meal of spaghetti with a choice of meat/ meatless sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread and a beverage.
Hosted by: the Greenbelt Community Church

Greenbelt Combined Choir Holiday Concert

Sunday 12/14, 7:30pm
Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road
Open to all ages/FREE
Under the direction of Jean Cook and Chris Fominaya, members of many churches and the community form the Combined Choir to perform traditional and contemporary Christmas music.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Community Church

Fun Run & Walk - Greenbelt Wright Stuff 5k

Saturday 12/06, 8am
Pre-Registration Fee: \$20
Day of Registration Fee: \$25
Check-In will be at the at Youth Center from 7am 7:45am .
Come and run in the Fourth Annual Wright Stuff 5K. Runners and walkers will enjoy a route through scenic Greenbelt. Information: Tracy Ward/ 443.465.0745 or www.pgrc.org
Hosted by: The Prince George's Running Club



Greenbriar Community Events

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday 12/20, 10am to noon
Greenbriar Terrace Room. FREE.
Greenbriar's children of all ages are welcome to have breakfast with Santa.
Information: 301.441.1096

Greenbelt East Tree Lighting

Sunday 12/07, 7:00pm
Greenbriar Community Building
Open to all ages / FREE
Enjoy carols and hot chocolate.
More information: 301.441.1096

The Greenbelt Museum

Greenbelt Museum Tours

Every Sunday, 1pm-5pm, 10-B Crescent Road
Open to all ages

Adults: \$2 Senior Citizens: \$1
Students: \$1 FOGM: Free

Tour Greenbelt's historic house museum while it is decorated with holiday items from the 1930s and 1940s.

Hosted by: Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

Holiday Hours for Recreation Centers

	<u>GCC</u>	<u>GAFC</u>	<u>YC/SHLRC</u>
12/24	9:00am-5:00pm	Noon-5:00pm	Noon-5:00pm
12/25	Closed	Noon-4:00pm	Noon-4:00pm
12/31	9:00am-1:00pm	6:00am-5:00pm	Noon-5:00pm
1/01	Noon-4:00pm	Noon-5:00pm	Noon-5:00pm

GCC: Greenbelt Community Center GAFC: Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
YC: Youth Center SHLRC: Springhill Lake Recreation Center

2009 Winter Brochure

The Greenbelt Recreation
Department's seasonal brochure will be available soon.
Take a gander at the fantastic programs, services and facilities we have to offer!
Go to www.greenbeltmd.gov